

NAIS DIGITATA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Corpus repens, longum, lineare, pellucidum,
depressum.

Pedunculi setis simplicibus.

Tentacula nulla.

Oculi duo aut nulli.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3120.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

NAIS setis lateralibus solitariis, cauda laciniata.

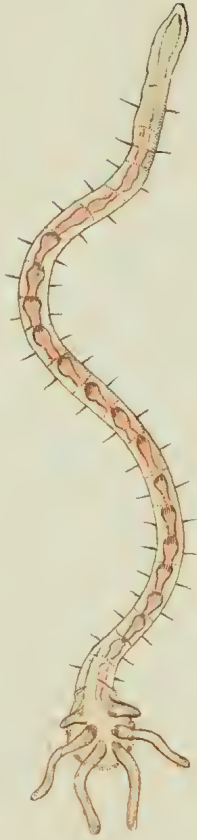
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Naidi digitatæ, quæ e rarioribus est sui generis, insignis est ad speciei distinctionem caudæ conformatio. Eadem fere est magnitudine qua Nais proboscidea, et aquas incolit stagnantes exeunte æstate. Retrahi vel extendi ad libitum possunt caudæ tentacula; quæ cum ad summum expanduntur, parsque corporis anterior cauli plantæ alicujus aquaticæ adhæret, hydræ tenui et gracili simillima Nais digitata, primo visu spectantem falleret.





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DIGITATED NAIS.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body repent, long, linear, pellucid, depressed.

Feet consisting of simple bristles.

Tentacula none.

Eyes two or none.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

NAIS with single lateral bristles and lacinated tail.

DIGITATED NAIS.

Finger-tailed Water-Worm.

This animal may be considered as one of the rarer species of its genus, and is readily distinguished by the remarkable form of the tail. It is nearly equal in size to the *Nais proboscidea*, and may be found in stagnant waters towards the decline of summer. The processes or tentacula at the end of the tail may be either retracted or extended at pleasure, and when at their utmost extent, while the fore part of the body is attached to the stalk of some water plant or other object, the animal has so much the appearance of a slender Hydra or Polype, that it might easily, at first view, be mistaken for such.